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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CUSTOMS- TO- CUSTOMS PROGRAM.

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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE DISCUSSED CUSTOMS-TO- CUSTOMS PROGRAM AT JUNE 19 MEETING. TREASURY UNDER-SECRETARY CARDENAS AND HIS ASSOCIATE, LIC. CANSECO HAVE RAISED WITH CUSTOMS ATTACHE ADAMS QUESTION OF PROPRIETY OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND UNDERSECRETARY ( THEREBY CIRCUMVENTING MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT). EMBASSY WILL EXPLORE THIS QUESTION WITH APPROPRIATE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD PROPOSE DRAFT LETTER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. IF AND AS NECESSARY, WE WOULD HOPE TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT PARTICIPATION THROUGH SUBSEQUENT OR SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF NOTES AS WAS DONE IN CASE OF SCREWORM AGREEMENT.

2. BODY OF LETTER PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

( A ) " IN CONFIRMATION OF THE RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN YOU, MINISTER ROBERT W. DEAN AND CUSTOMS ATTACHE STEWART ADAMS OF MY STAFF, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS WILLING TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

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(B) THE TOTAL COST OF THIS PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AS RECOMMENDED BY A JOINT STUDY TEAM WHICH CONDUCTED A SURVEY DURING DECEMBER, 1972. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COSTS OF THE EQUIPMENT INVOLVED.

(C) THE OPERATIVE AGENCIES WILL BE THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS ACTING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS ACTING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES.

(D) AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE \$50,000 CEILING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE TO THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT, PROCURED IN THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER OF THE PRIORITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN OUR REPRESENTATIVE AGENCIES:

TEN KX 170 "B" RADIO SETS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1395 PER UNIT

TEN MOTOROLA PT 400 HANDY TALKY FM RADIO SETS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1200 PER UNIT

COMPATIBLE MOTOROLA PT 400 RADIO BASE STATIONS, THE NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE OVERALL ESTABLISHED CEILING OF \$50,000 (THE ESTIMATED COST PER UNIT OF THESE BASE STATIONS WOULD BE \$1200.)

(E) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO COUNTER CONTRABAND ACTIVITY, THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE WOULD USE THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM IN SUCH EFFORTS AND ESPECIALLY TO COMBAT THE ILLEGAL FLOW OF NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG SUBSTANCES THROUGH MEXICAN TERRITORY.

(F) I PROPOSE THAT THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS ON MY STAFF AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN CUSTOMS EXCHANGE SEMIANNUALLY, AND AT OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIMES MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, INFORMATION IN WRITING ON THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT.

(G) IF THIS AGREEMENT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY TO IT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ACCORD ON THIS PROGRAM."

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